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13 March 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT

: General Services Administration Request for Funds to Support Research and Development on the Quality of Paper

- 1. Paragraph 5 of this memorandum contains a request for your approval.
- 2. The Mational Archives and Records Service of the General Services Administration has found that certain valuable historical documents crumble when removed from the repository. Consequently, they are sponsoring research to be conducted by the Mational Bureau of Standards toward the improvement of paper and development of related standarde.
- 3. In 1964 CIA transferred \$5,080 to GSA for a similar research project concerning microfilming preservation. We have received two reports and expect to receive other results of that research including a new Federal regulation on the use of microfilm to be issued in March 1969.
- 4. Private organisations and other agencies of the Government are being asked for \$300,000 to support the current paper research project over a period of the next four or five years. GSA is seeking \$20,000 from Federal Agencies before 30 June 1969. Army, Hevy and Air Force have given \$3,000 each; MSA \$2,500; and Laber has given \$2,000. Our 1964 precedent and the current level of contributions from other Agencies would suggest that a contribution of \$3,000 from CIA would be in order. If you approve, I will arrange with the Director, OPPB and the Director of Finance for the transfer of funds.

5. It is recommended that you approve the transfer of \$3,000 to the General Services Administration for the paper research project.

Chief, Support Services Staff

The recommendation in paragraph 5 is approved.

R. L. Bennerman Deputy Director for Support

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